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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CYPRUS

REF: USUN 2899

1. WESTERN AND NON-ALIGNED EFFORTS TO WORK OUT AN AGREED
TEXT FOR A RESOLUTION WERE UPSET LATE SEPTEMBER 7 WHEN
BENIN, MAURITIUS AND PANAMA FORMALLY TABLED A DRAFT
OF THEIR OWN. (TEXT SEPTEL) BENIN TEXT IS THE BARTON-
JAIPAL DRAFT OF SEPTEMBER 6 (SEE REFTEL) WITH AMEND-
MENTS PUT FORWARD BY CYPRIOT FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES.

2. IF WESTERN FIVE ALL ABSTAIN AND ARE JOINED BY PAKISTAN
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AND LIBYA, THIS RESOLUTION WOULD FAIL TO GAIN THE
NECESSARY NINE VOTES FOR ADOPTION, HOWEVER, UNITY
OF WESTERN FIVE WILL BE SEVERELY STRAINED. CANADIANS
WILL BE TEMPTED TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION WHICH IS CHANGED
IN ONLY FAIRLY MINOR WAYS FROM THEIR ORIGINAL DRAFT.
FRENCH ARE UNINSTRUCTED, BUT ARE INCLINED TO VOTE
IN FAVOR OF BENIN RESOLUTION. ON A STRAIGHT UP OR DOWN

TEST, WE CANNOT PREDICT HOW BRITISH WOULD VOTE.

3. BRITISH MISSION IS CONSIDERING PARLIAMENTARY
STRATEGY WHICH WOULD INVOLVE WESTERN FIVE PUTTING
FORWARD THEIR OWN RESOLUTION (DEPARTMENT TRASMITTING
WESTERN WORKING PAPER SEPARATELY) AS ALTERNATIVE TO BENIN
RESOLUTION. BRITISH BELIEVED THAT SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE
MIGHT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INDUCEMENT TO CANADIANS AND
FRENCH TO ABSTAIN ON BENIN RESOLUTION. MAIN ARGUMENT
IN FAVOR OF SUCH A STRATEGY IS THE IMPORTANCE OF MAIN-
TAINING WESTERN UNITY. THIS IS A COMPELLING CONSIDER-
ATION FOR THE FIVE AMBASSADORS HERE IN VIEW OF THE
CRITICAL ISSUES WE WILL BE FACING--JOINTLY WE HOPE--ON
AFRICA AND OTHER AREAS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

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